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Title: FURNACE CLOSING SYSTEM: S.R. Kastler

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop – AF Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner issued a final Office Action dated 14 May 2009 in the above-referenced Patent Application. In that Office Action, the Examiner set a three month shortened statutory period for reply. The reply period having now expired, a Request and fee for one-month Extension of Time are concurrently filed herewith to ensure timely filing.

Responsive to the Office Action dated 14 May 2009, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.